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PLEASE PASS CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: US OREP BTRA

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS

1. REGARDING OUR CONVERSATION, UPON ARRIVAL, I HAD PROBLEMS OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS DESIRING TO ATTEND "THE FIGHT OF THE CENTURY" LOOKED INTO, UNFORTUNATELY WITH MINIMUM RESULTS SO FAR. IT APPEARS THAT THE PROMOTERS ARE OFFERING ONLY PACKAGE DEALS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, SPACE RESERVATIONS, AND FIGHT TICKETS. AS OF NOW ANYONE COMING FOR THE FIGHT UNDER THIS PLAN WILL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. THIS SAID, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IF ANY OF YOUR SPECIAL FRIENDS GET INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY LACK ONLY ACCOMMODATIONS, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK SOMETHING OUT HERE UPON RECEIPT OF DETAILS FROM YOU.

3. I TRUST THAT YOUR OWN PLANS TO VISIT KINSHASA IN COURSE CODEL TRIP TO VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE NOW FIRMER THAN WHEN WE TALKED. MRS HINTON AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE YOU STAY WITH US AT THE RESIDENCE.

4. WHEN WE KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE IN CODEL, EITHER I OR SENIOR MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTRY TEAM WILL BE PLEASED TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY. DO YOU KNOW YET IF YOU WOULD BE

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HERE FOR FIGHT AND IF SO, DO YOU HAVE TICKETS OR WOULD

YOU LIKE ME TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS
HERE? IF LATTER, PLEASE ADVISE HOW MANY YOU WILL NEED.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER. HINTON

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